## Transitioning to data.census.gov

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#### Outline

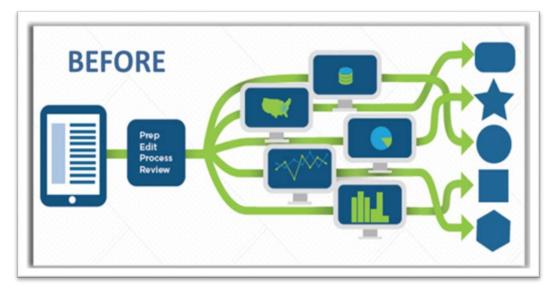
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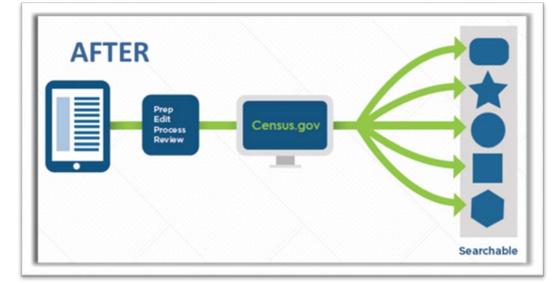
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#### New Enterprise Dissemination

- ✓ Streamline access to data
- ✓ Maintain the best of our current tools
- ✓ Reduce redundancies and operational costs
- ✓ Provide greater access to Census Bureau API

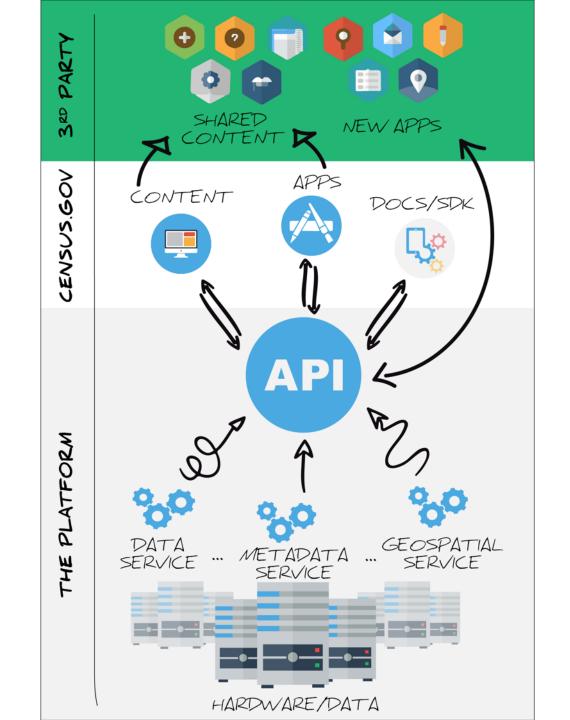






# The New Dissemination Platform:

How It All Works





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### Current Snapshot



#### Data in the New Platform: American Community Survey

Data Product	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Detailed Tables	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
Subject Tables	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Supplemental Tables	-	_	-	_	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Selected Population Profiles							✓	<b>√</b>
Data Profiles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Comparison Profiles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Selected Population Tables (5-Year)		-	-	-	-		_	-
American Indian Alaska Native Tables (5-Year)		_	_	_	_		_	_

✓: Available now

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#### Data in the New Platform: Decennial and Econ

Data Product	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Decennial Census (Summary File 1, 113 <sup>th</sup> & 115 <sup>th</sup> Congress Detailed Tables)	<b>✓</b>	-	-	-	-	_	_	-
Economic Census	-	_	✓	-	-	-	-	
County Business Patterns	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Non-Employer Statistics	-	-	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Survey of Business Owners (Company Summary & Characteristics of Business Owners)	-	-	<b>√</b>	-	-	-	-	-

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### Upcoming Milestones

Fall 2019 **Summer 2019 June 2020** First data releases After all data migrated to Major data releases: 2018 ACS 1-Year (Sept) exclusively on new data.census.gov, American FactFinder to be platform (Nonemployer, 2017 Economic Census Public Sector) (Sept) shut down. End of new data releases 2018 ACS 5-Year (Dec)



(June)

on American FactFinder

#### Highlights from Latest Release

#### **Search experience:**

- Featured statistics on select topics
- Curated tables for relevancy

#### **Faceted filters**

Quicker scrolling experience

#### **Geography filters in advanced search**

- Dual paths to select geography
  - Summary Level Codes
  - Step by step experience
- Search by filter panel
- Geographic component toggle
- Incompatible geographic levels grayed out

#### **Tables:**

- Download link on table results page
- Download multiple tables at one time
- Margins of error (MOE) displayed by default
- View more data and labels
- Links to FTP site added

#### **Mapping**

- Defaults to geography level selected
- Psuedo geographies
- Download the table from the map view

#### Improvements to econ tables/searches:

- Product and service codes
- View large econ tables



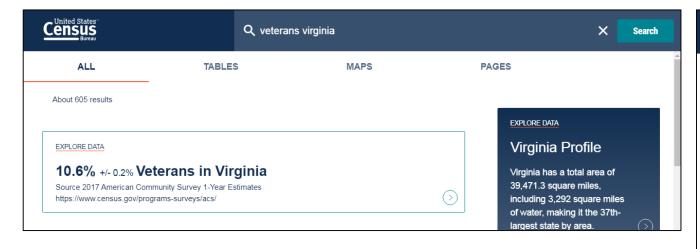
#### Live Demo



#### Search Experience Improvements

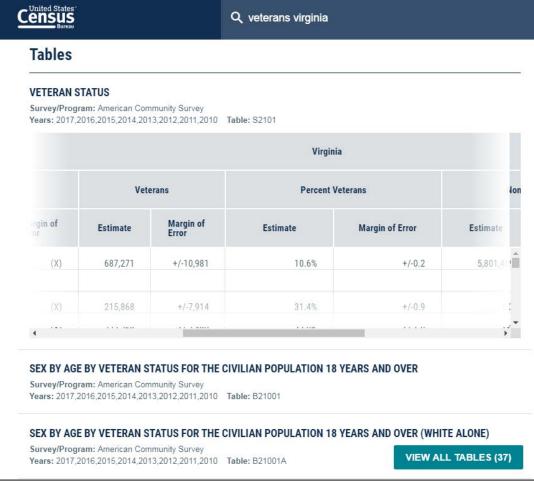
#### **NEW!** Featured results

Quick stats for selected topics



#### **Improved - Curated table results**

The first 3 table results





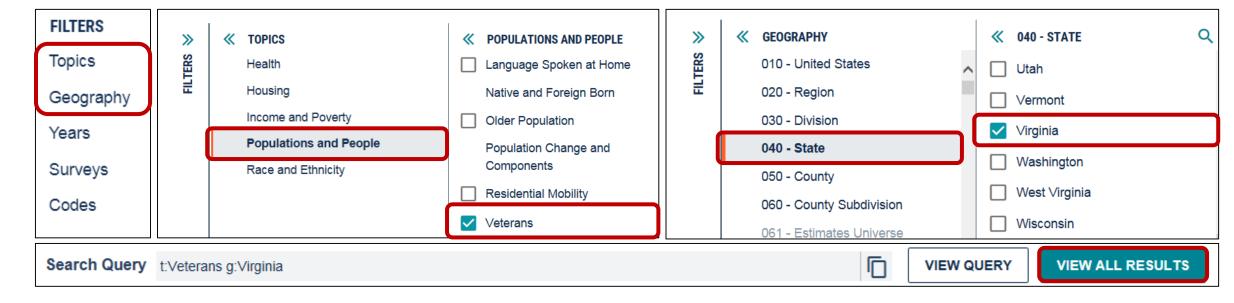
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#### Two Options to Find Featured Results

1) Single Search: Type topic and/or geography (example: "Veterans Virginia")



- 2) Advanced Search: Use filters
  - Topics → Populations and People → Veterans
  - Geography → 040 State → Virginia

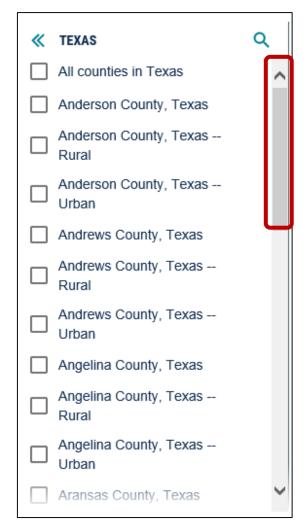


### Faceted Filters: Quicker Scrolling Experience

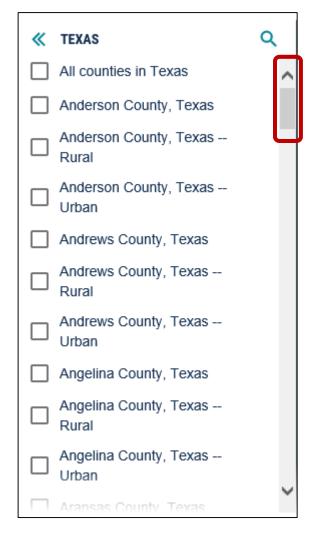
#### **Quicker scrolling experience:**

We increased how many results load at once in the filter panels so you can scroll more quickly to where you need to

#### Old: 30 results load at a time



#### New: 100 results load at a time



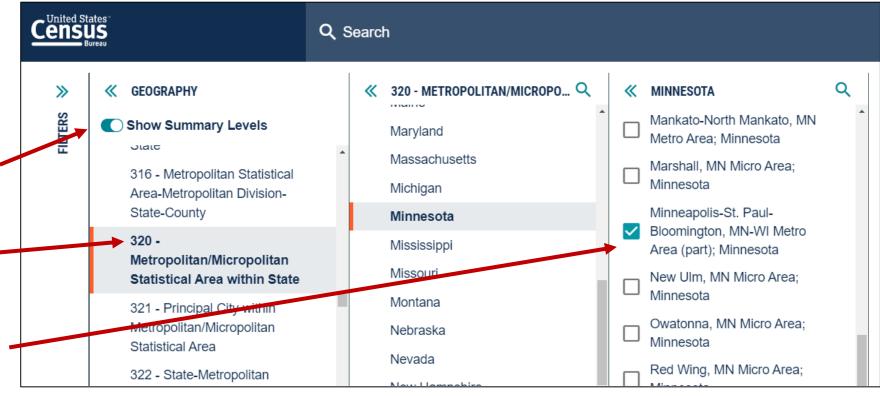


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#### Path #1 to Select Your Geo: Summary Level

#### Recommended for users who know the three digit summary level code

- 1. Select your geographic level in one click:
  - Make sure the new summary level toggle is turned on
  - Scroll and click on your geo level of interest, sorted by 3-digit summary level code
- Follow additional prompts and select a checkbox to add geo to search query



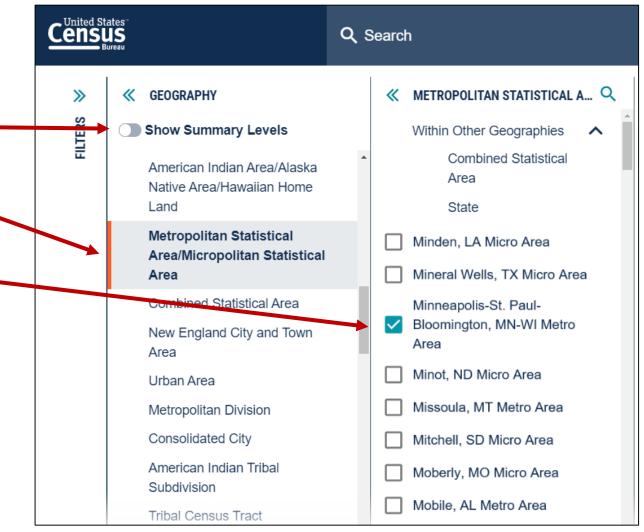
Example: Get data on the portion of Minneapolis metro area within the state of MN



#### Path #2 to Select Your Geo: New Step-by-Step Geo Experience

#### To find common geographies using this pathway:

- 1. Turn off the summary level toggle
- Select your geographic area using simpler labels, with more common types of geos near the top of the list
- 3. Select a checkbox to get data for the full area you selected (e.g. complete Minneapolis metro area)



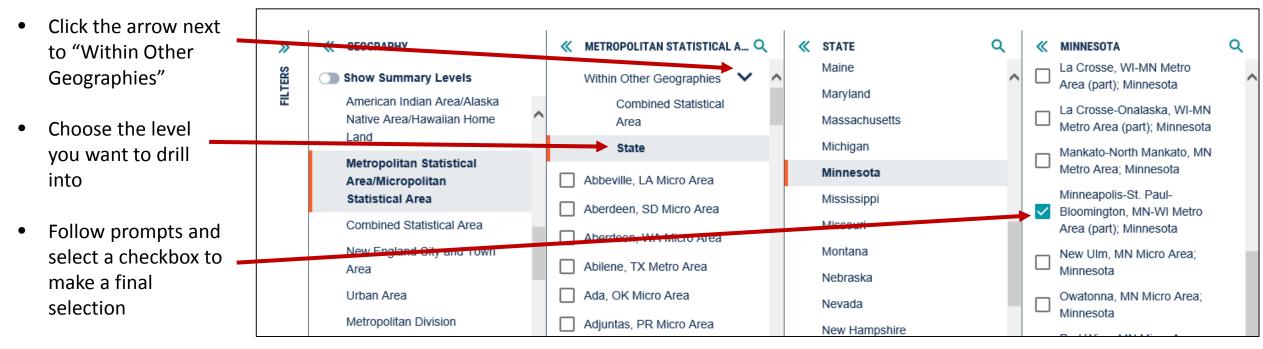


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Example: Get data for the complete Minneapolis metro area

# Path #2 to Select Your Geo: New Step-by-Step Geo Experience (Continued)

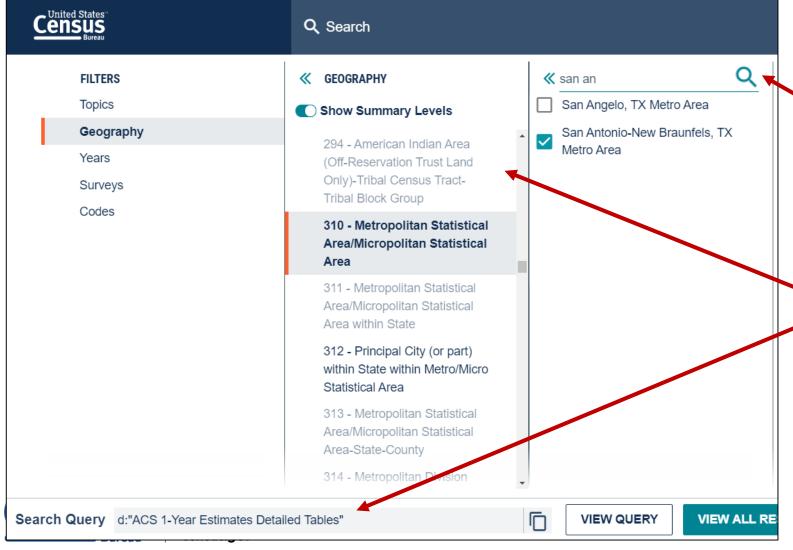
#### To find more complex summary levels rolled up into this geographic area:



Example: Get data on the portion of Minneapolis metro area within the state of MN



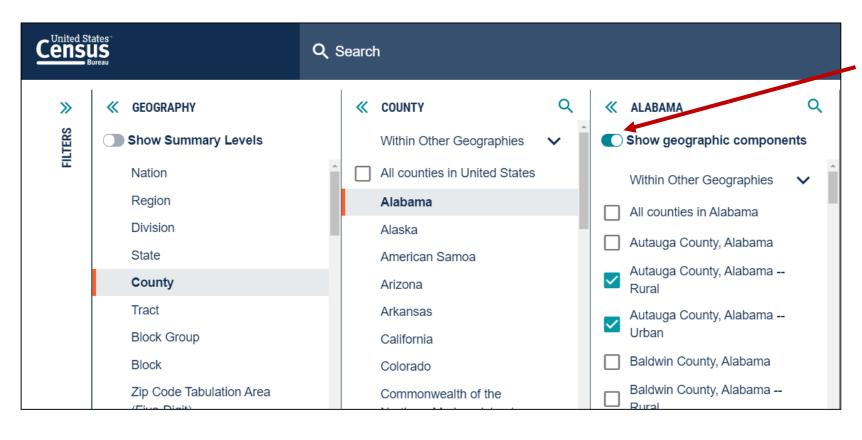
#### Improvements for geography filters



- Search by filter panel narrow results in a long list of geographies
  - Example: Click this icon to find the exact metro/micro area you need
- 2. Geographic areas are grayed out when they are not compatible with your other search selections

Example: Statistics for summary level 294 (tribal block groups) are not produced for ACS 1-year estimates

### New Toggle for Geographic Components

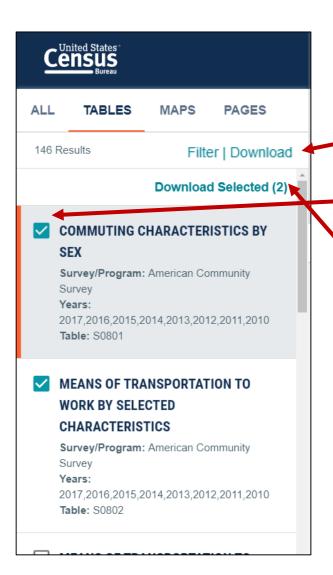


#### New toggle to select geo components

- Available in step-by-step filter experience
- Turned off by default to give you a clean list of geographies

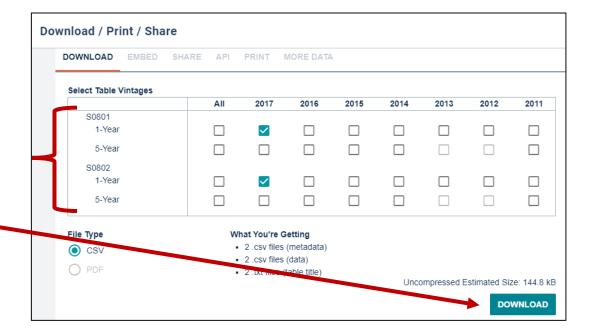
Example: The urban and rural portions of Autauga County, AL

### Download Multiple Tables At Once

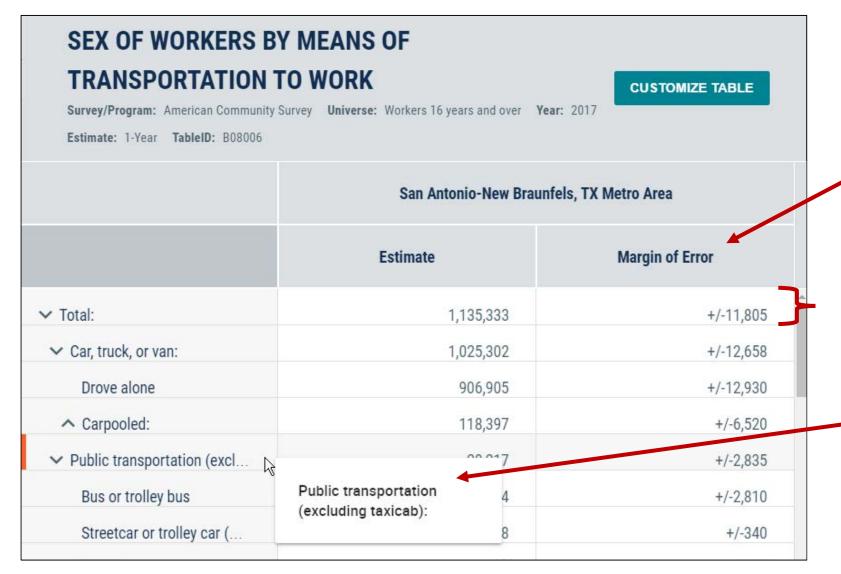


#### From the table results page:

- Click download
- Select checkboxes for the tables you'd like to download
- Click Download Selected
- Choose year(s) and type of estimates
- Click Download



### Table Display Improvements



#### 1. Margins of Error (MOE) Shown by Default for ACS Tables

You can turn it off in the full table view

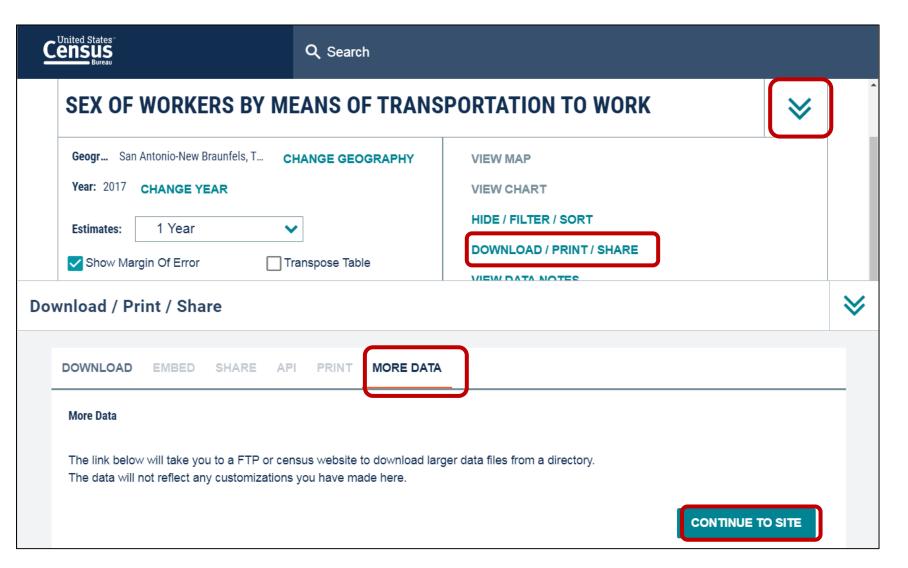
#### 2. View more data

We decreased the height of each row so you can see more data on your screen

#### 3. View more labels

We made improvements to show more of the label's text by default, and added a hover to see long labels more easily

#### Table Controls – New Links to FTP/Census Websites

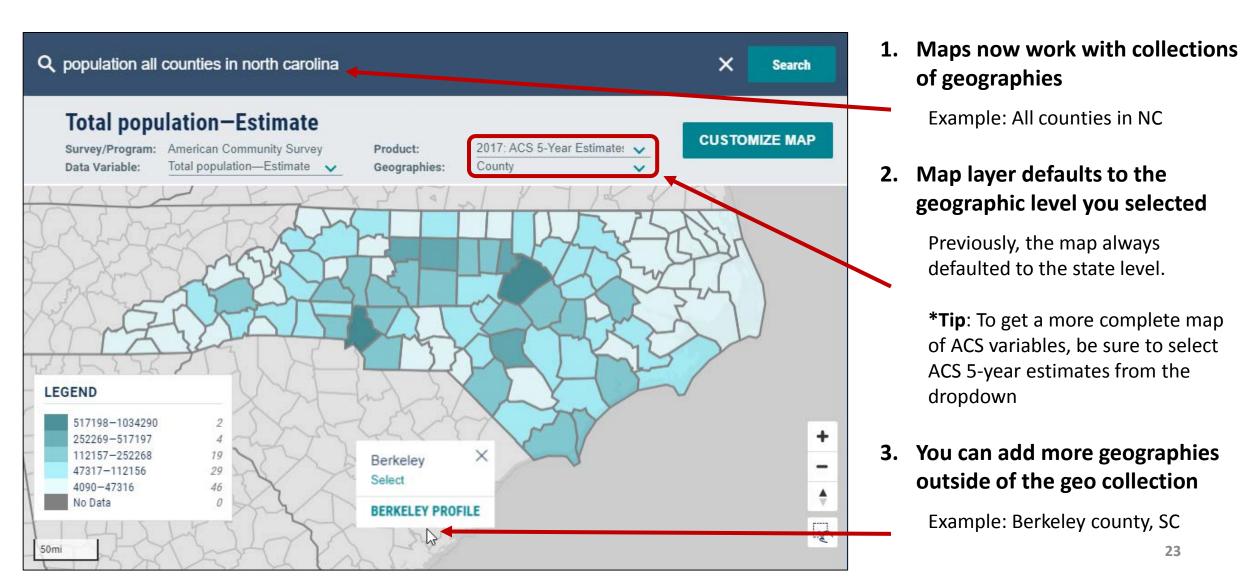


### New links to access more data (FTP site or Census websites):

- Open full table view
- Expand chevron in the upper right
- Click Download/Print/Share
- Click More Data tab
- Select Continue to Site

\*NOTE: The "More Data" tab will be grayed out if FTP links are not available

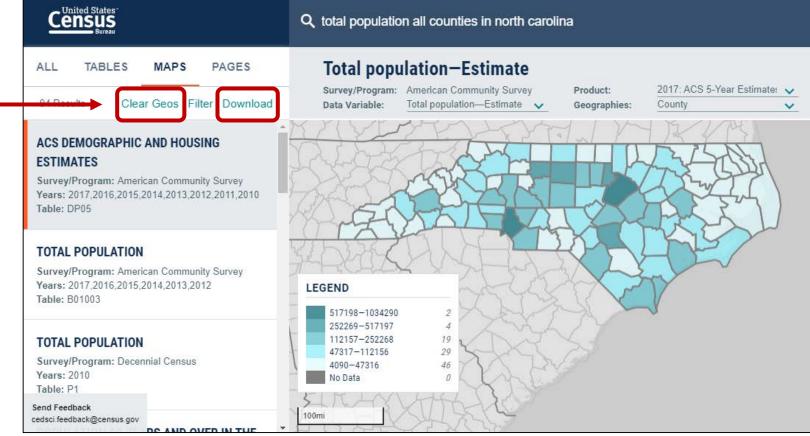
### Mapping Improvements



### Mapping Improvements (continued)

#### Map results page now allows you to:

- Clear your geographies
- Download tables





### Search by 2012 Product and Service Code



#### **Get data by product or service code:**

- Example: Advanced Search Filters:
   Codes → Product and Service Codes
   → 10113 Motorcycles
- View your table with data on sales, #of establishments, and more!

# Wholesale Trade: Subject Series - Product Lines: Product Lines Statistics by Industry for the U.S. and States: 2012



Survey/Program: Economic Census Year: 2012 TableID: EC1242SLLS1

Meaning of Type of Operation code	Meaning of Product/Service code	Number of establishments	Sales (\$1,000)	Product line sales as % of total sales of estabs reporting line (%)
All establishments	Motorcycles	1,025	8,220,777	7.2
Merchant wholes	Motorcycles	454	3,058,127	12.1
Manufacturers' sa	Motorcycles	6	4,349,090	6.9

### View Large Econ Tables



You can now view large econ tables that were previously unavailable on data.census.gov.

- The table will load in sections as you scroll, 400 rows at a time
- When more rows are loading, you will see an orange loading indicator at the top for a brief time
- Lower right indicates how many rows you are viewing on screen

### Tips & Tricks



### Single Search - Quick Wins for All Users



#### **Explore Census Data**

The Census Bureau is the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy.

Q I'm looking for ...

Advanced Search

Use for quick wins to find things like:

- Simple statistics
  e.g. health insurance in Arizona
- Profile for a single geography
   e.g. Arizona profile
- **NAICS** 531110
- **Table ID**B19001
- Groups of tablesCP

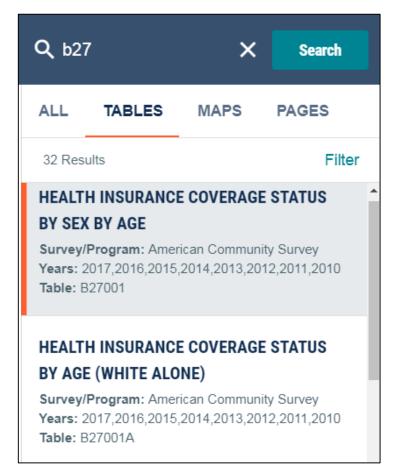


### Search for Groups of Tables

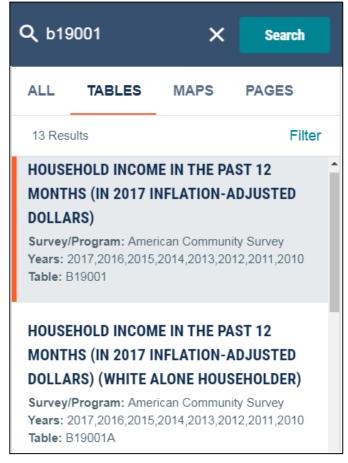
**CP**: Provides all 5 Comparison Profiles



**B27**: Provides all 32 Detailed Tables for Health Insurance



**B19001:** Provides main table plus race iterations B19001A-I



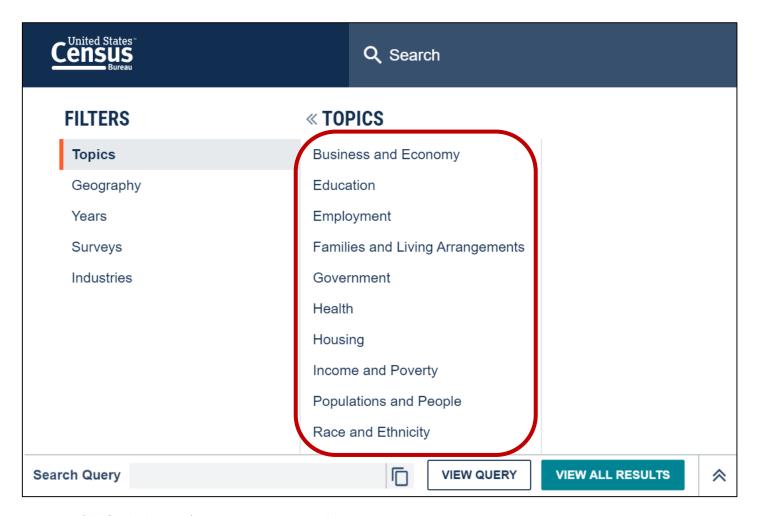
Wildcard (\*) functionality is still in the process of being added, but many searches already behave as expected

### Search by NAICS Code (e.g. 4451)





### Advanced Search – More Complex Searches



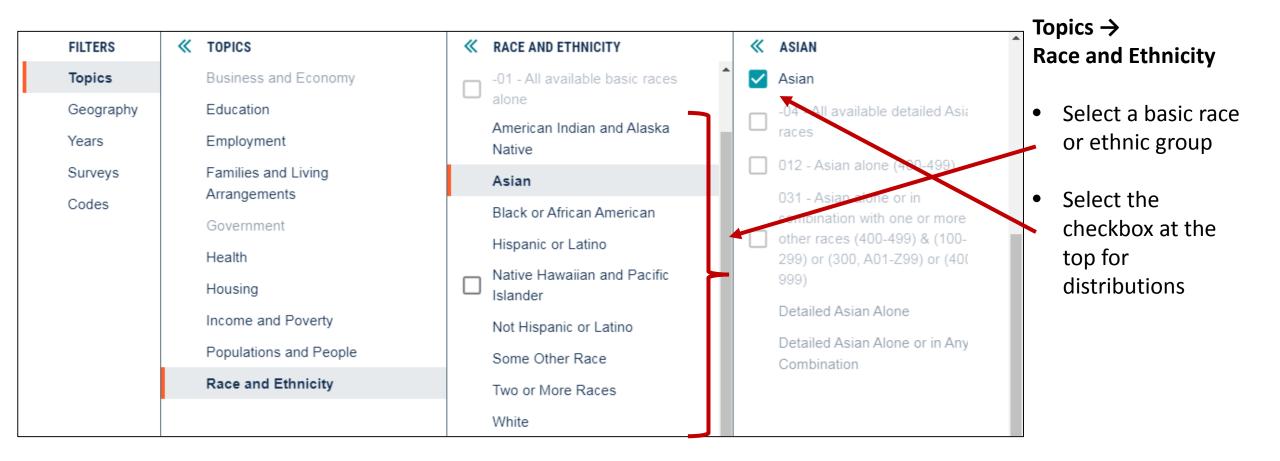
- Survey/Program or Table Type
   e.g. ACS 1-Year Detailed Tables
- Geographies with complex names
   e.g. Census Tract 100.01, Bibb County, AL
- Collections of geographies e.g. All places in the United States
- Cross tabulations

   e.g. Health insurance by full/part-time by sex
- Detailed pop groups
   Race, Tribal, Hispanic Origin, Ancestry, and country of birth groups

Explore the new layout of topics in the advanced search



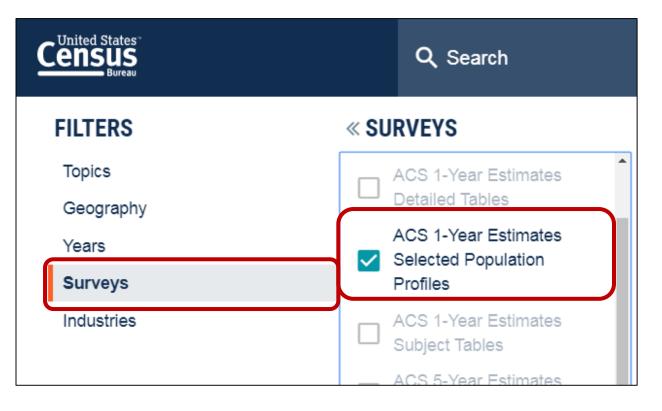
#### Advanced Search: Accessing Distributions of Basic Race Groups





#### Advanced Search: Accessing Characteristics of Detailed Pop Groups

**Step 1** (Optional): Select Table Type **Surveys** → **ACS 1-Year Estimates Selected Population Profiles** 



**Step 2**: Select Detailed Population Group(s) using **Topics**:

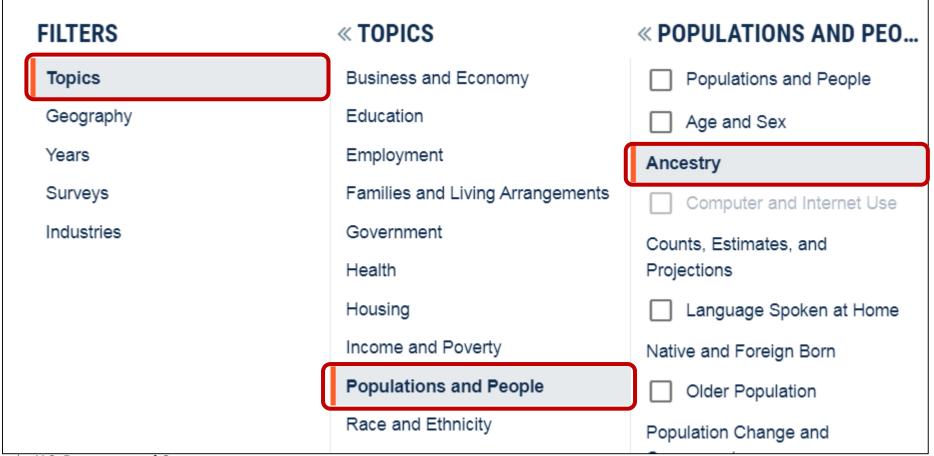
- Populations and People (Ancestry & Country of Birth)
- Race and Ethnicity (Race, Tribal, & Hispanic Origin)





### Finding Population Groups: Ancestry

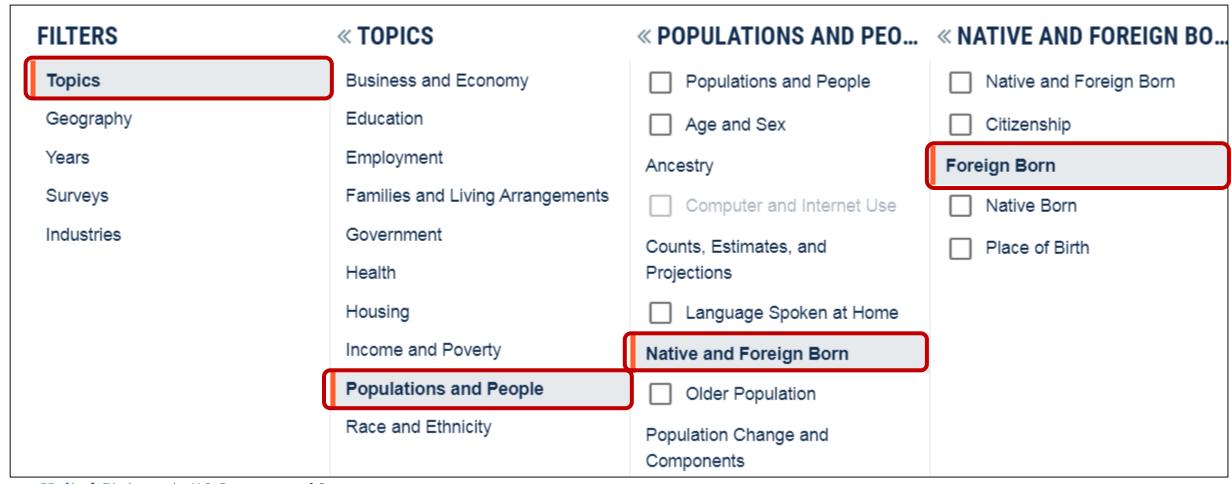
Topics  $\rightarrow$  Populations and People  $\rightarrow$  Ancestry





### Finding Population Groups: County of Birth

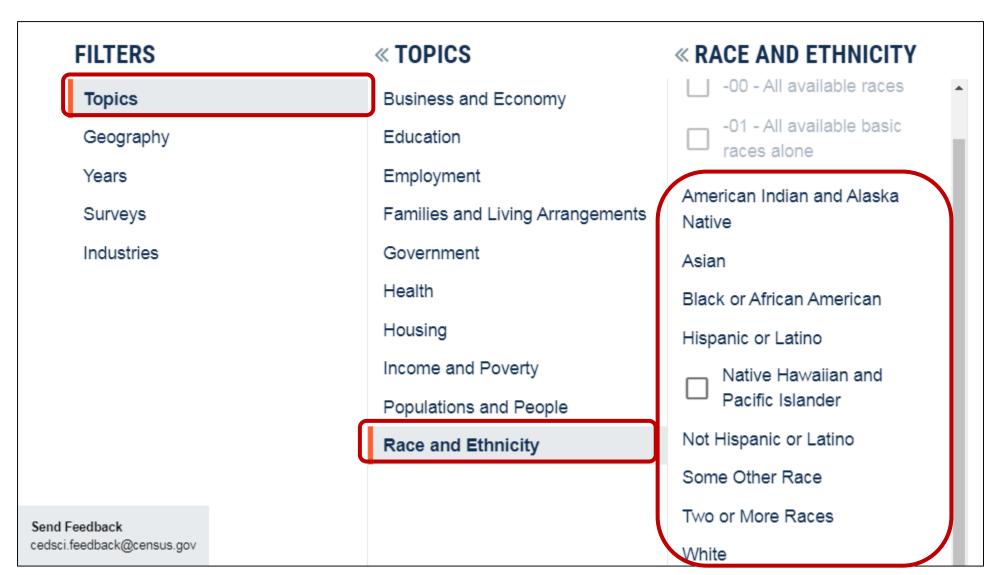
Topics  $\rightarrow$  Populations and People  $\rightarrow$  Native and Foreign Born  $\rightarrow$  Foreign Born





### Finding Population Groups: Race & Hispanic Origin

**Topics** → **Race and Ethnicity** → Select a path into one of the high level race or Hispanic Origin groups



## Select Results without Checkboxes to Dig Deeper

You may need to make additional selections to get to the most detailed population groups. Click a result with a checkbox adds the filter to your selections. Clicking a result without checkboxes open a new panel that provides more detailed options

Example – To get data for the Navajo population: Topics  $\rightarrow$  Race and Ethnicity  $\rightarrow$  American Indian & Alaska Native  $\rightarrow$  American Indian  $\rightarrow$  Navajo  $\rightarrow$  Navajo Nation tribal grouping alone or in any combination



## Keep in mind – Population Thresholds

Thresholds for ACS 1-year Selected Population Profiles

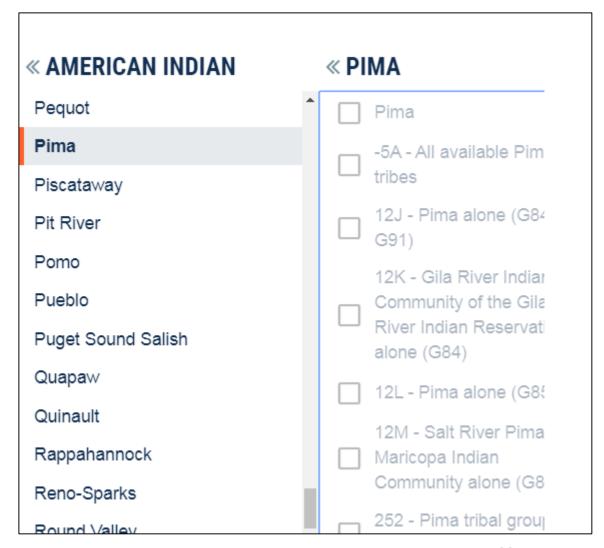
- 500,000+ people in your geo of interest
- 65,000+ people in the specific pop subgroup

Process to access data for tables repeated by detailed population groups is the same for different ACS tables, including the ACS 5-year special release of:

- Selected Population Tables
- American Indian/Alaska Native Tables

Many pop groups will be grayed out in the advanced search of data.census.gov until these tables have been migrated





# Looking Ahead



## Performance Improvements

- Acquiring additional hardware
- Re-engineering code base
- Improve caching methodology





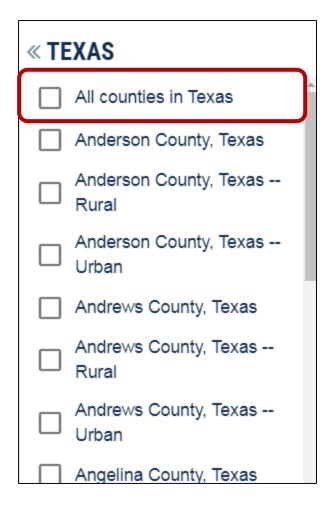
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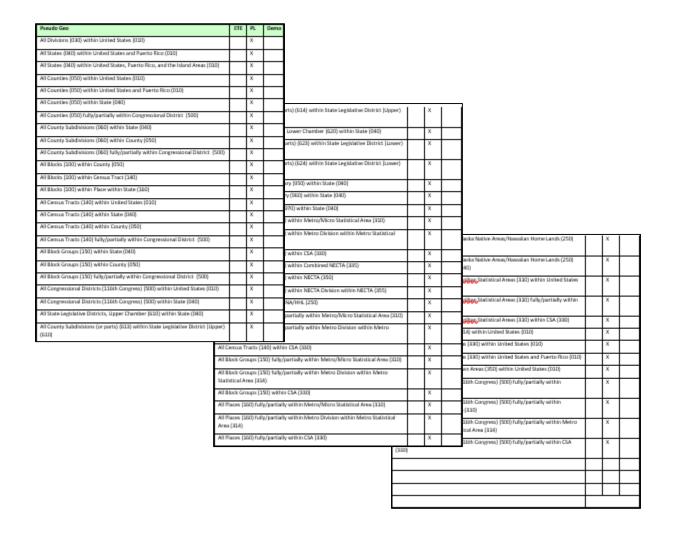
- Rebuilding Entity Recognition
- Partnering with data providers for featured and curated results
- Working on a proof of concept to handle searching of unstructured content (e.g., webpages, PDF) from census.gov





## Plans to Add More Checkboxes to Select All Geos in a List







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## Customer Driven Requests:

- Ability to cut and paste from table into an Excel
- Download and print an image of the table
- Freeze the first column when scrolling to the right
- Ability to toggle quickly between years

## Feedback is KEY to Our Development

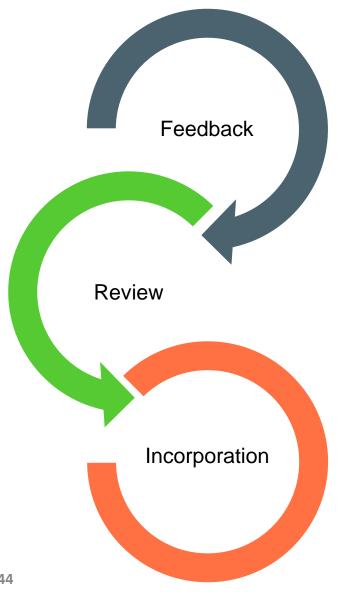
#### 40 day development cycles

 Allows for Feedback, Review, Incorporation of Feedback

#### Feedback collected:

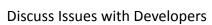
- National Conferences
- State Agencies and Affiliate Meetings
- Webinars and other outreach
- Internal Stakeholders and Data Providers
- cedsci.feedback@census.gov emails
- Usability Sessions





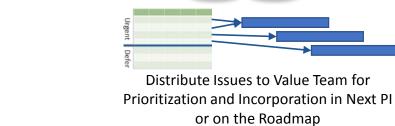








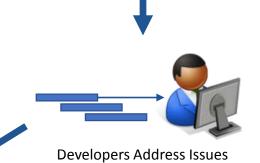






Original Concern was Remedied





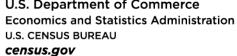


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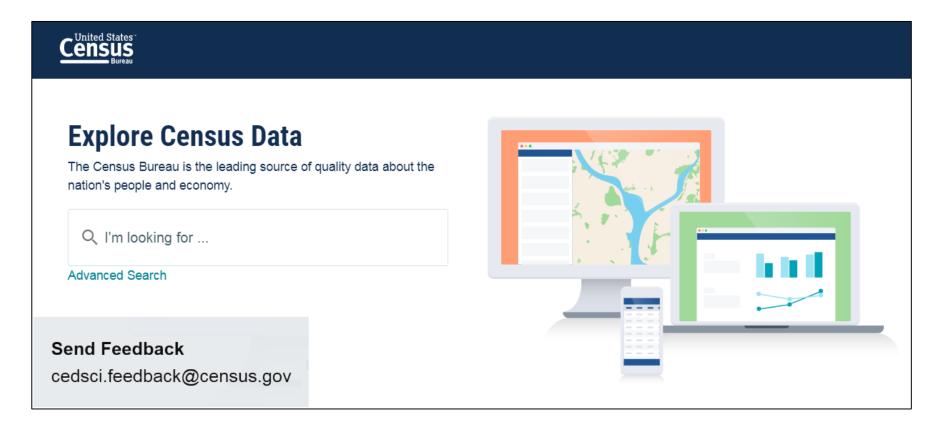


**Testing Conducted Internally** 





## Our Development Depends on YOUR Feedback



Check out our preview platform at data.census.gov and provide comments at cedsci.feedback@census.gov.



# Questions/Feedback

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#### Includes:

- Answers to common questions
- Chart of available data
- List of features and functionality
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# Live in the DC area and want to be part of data.census.gov usability tests?

The Human Factors Research Group at the U.S. Census Bureau conducts usability tests of data.census.gov after each development update. If you are an expert data user, come and help us create a site to meet your data needs!

Where: U.S. Census Bureau Headquarters, Suitland, MD

Length of usability session: 1 hour

Compensation: \$40

Requirement: Previous experience with data manipulation (preferably Census data)

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Re: data.census.gov



## **Upcoming Webinars**



### Using the Census API with the ACS

June 26 at 2pm

data.census.gov Update

August 2019

**Census Academy Series** 

April-June (58 webinars)

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## Webinar Evaluation



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